

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 5, 2002, as evidenced by the initialed Form PTO-1449.

Claims 1-30 are all the claims pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of all the rejected claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

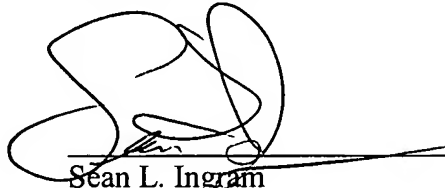
REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by the Novell Certified Directory Engineer- Practicum. Applicants are concurrently filing a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 that traverses this rejection. As a result, claims 1-30 are allowable over this reference.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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